

COURT BEGINS WORK

Inquiry Into Maine Disaster Starts at Havana.

FEW NEW DEVELOPMENTS AS YET

Sobral, Who Made Reflections on American Naval Discipline, Is No Longer an Attaché of the Spanish Legation at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The navy court of inquiry appointed to investigate the Maine disaster has begun its work at Havana. This news came to the navy department from Admiral Sigsbee at Key West. He simply telegraphed as follows:

"The court of inquiry sail for Havana by lighthouse steamer Mangrove. Maria has arrived."

This prompt action is undoubtedly due to the express direction from Secretary Long to have the investigation begun at the earliest possible moment. By an error incident to the haste with which the orders were got out the first accounts placed Lieutenant Commander Seaton Schroeder on the board as the third member, while as a matter of fact Lieutenant Commander Potter, the executive officer of the flagship New York, holds that place. The board undoubtedly would have started sooner but for the necessity of awaiting the arrival at Key West from Washington of Lieutenant Commander Marix, a naval officer well skilled in the intricacies of marine law, who is to be judge advocate of the court.

Captain Sigsbee was heard from, and his message goes to confirm the press reports of the events of Saturday in Havana harbor, so far as they relate to the exploration of the wreck. It reads as follows:

"Only most experienced wrecking divers can do effective work on the Maine. In the upper works I can use service di-

sh legation. As a whole, Mr. Long did not treat the Sobral matter as profoundly serious.

Sonot Du Bose, the Spanish charge d'affaires, when spoken to on the matter, said:

"As regards this reported interview, I know nothing about it beyond what I have seen in the papers. I should imagine Mr. Sobral far too prudent to say anything calculated to offend brothers in arms. At the same time, I should state that on Jan. 24 last Mr. Sobral ceased to be a member of this legation according to royal decree, which gazetted as his successor Lieutenant Ramon Caraza y Reguera."

COMMANDER BARNETT'S VIEWS.

Thinks Forward Magazine Did Not Explode First, If at All.

HAVANA, Feb. 21.—Lieutenant Commander Barnett of the survey boat Bache said to your correspondent: "You want the facts. I can tell you there are 95 chances out of 100 that the investigation will show that the forward magazine of the Maine did not blow up first. It is exploded at all, and that it was not the cause of the terrific consequences that followed. The condition of the wreck when first studied and a later careful scrutiny make this an almost absolute certainty."

Chaplain Childwick of the Maine has recovered considerable sums of money, with letters and other personal property, from the bodies taken from the wreck. In one case the initials can be seen on the coat lining and may serve to identify the body of the wearer, but the harbor water is so filthy that the marks are nearly illegible. Chaplain Childwick is one of the hardest worked officers, and upon him devolve some of the most repulsive duties of the situation. Father Power of the Jesuits arrived Saturday from Tampa and immediately visited the Maine's wounded in the hospital.

The Diario de la Marina publishes a dispatch from New York quoting Lieutenant Sobral's interview, in which he is said to have expressed the opinion there was great lack of discipline and much carelessness on board of the Maine and that this was the principal cause of the disaster. The dispatch has caused a great deal of indignation among the Americans. At the same time the rabid Spaniards and some officials are very indignant against the American correspondents here, and trouble may occur.

Nether Spanish nor Cuban divers will be employed. Divers yesterday recovered the cipher code book, the log of the Maine and many official and private papers. The wounded are doing well. Probably four or more will be taken at once to Key West by the Bache.

Because of the Maine disaster, which has so exclusively occupied public attention during the last few days, no thought has been given to the rebels, but reports just received from the field show that their movements must be taken into account in studying the solution of this prolonged war.

General Gomez is coming west. For months he has been lazing in the mountains. His forces have now reached Pinaras near Santa Clara, and, led by his own staff officers, have fought two successful engagements in the last week.

Senator Jose Congosto, the secretary general, is said to have asserted in a private interview that the government expected to be able to "buy up several members of the New York junta." It is generally believed, however, that the statement was made in order to quiet discontent here arising from the military failures of General Blanco and General Pando in the east.

The Vizcaya Anchors Off Tompkinsville. NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The Spanish cruiser Vizcaya came up the bay yesterday afternoon arriving in the Narrows at 3 p. m. The flying American flag from the main truck and preceded by the steam pilot boat New York. On arrival at the Narrows a salute of 21 guns was fired. As soon as the salute was finished the American flag was hoisted down. Health Officer Doty, on the quarantine boat Governor Flower, ran alongside and asked the customary questions, received the bills of health and the assurance that all were well and had been well since leaving Spain.

The Vizcaya's salute was not returned from either Forts Wadsworth or Hamilton, but the guns on Governor's Island answered. Surgeon Jurado of the Vizcaya reported the Vizcaya had 18 officers and 458 crew, making a total of 476 on board. Pilot Gillespie said that the cruiser would anchor off Tompkinsville, N. Y., and this programme was carried out. Two tugs loaded with newspaper reporters accompanied the vessel through the Narrows. Hundreds of people lined the adjacent shores. The soldiers at the forts could be seen surrounding the guns on the steep bluffs at Fort Wadsworth.

Captain Eulate, in an interview, referring to the catastrophe that had overtaken the Maine, declared that he and his officers were greatly shocked and that the sympathy of all were with the families who had lost those near and dear. In a frank and earnest way he expressed his sorrow, saying that he had duly sent a telegram to the secretary of the navy expressing his sentiments and those of the officers.

Coast Defenses Warned. NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Nearly 100 telegraphic dispatches were sent during yesterday from Governor's Island, the army headquarters of the department of the east, to the various points of fortification along the seaboard from Eastport, Me., to Galveston. All of these fortifications in which guns and mortars have been mounted are under the control of General Wesley A. Merritt, commander of the department of the east. The orders are to put the Atlantic seaboard in a state of defense.

Hurrying Work Along. NORFOLK, Feb. 21.—Workmen at the Norfolk navy yard worked all day yesterday on the repairs to the monitors Terror and Puritan. A draft of men

for the latter vessel has arrived. One of their number died en route. Naval officers will not discuss rumors of trouble.

Requiem Service For Maine Victims. BERLIN, Feb. 21.—United States Ambassador White and the American colony in Berlin were present at the American church yesterday at a requiem service for the victims of the Maine. A commemorative discourse was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Dickie.

Queen Regent Bids Bernabe Farewell. MADRID, Feb. 21.—The queen regent has given a farewell audience to Senor Polo y Bernabe, the new minister to the United States.

NAT GOODWIN MARRIED.

Despite Court's Decree He Makes Marie Elliott His Wife.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 21.—Nat C. Goodwin, the actor, and Miss Marie Elliott, the leading lady of his company, were married in this city at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The ceremony was performed in the parlor of the bridal suite at the Hollenden, Rev. S. H. Precher of the Euclid Avenue Presbyterian church officiating.

The only witnesses of the marriage were Miss Gertrude Elliott, sister of the bride; Manager Appleton of the Goodwin company, Mrs. Appleton and Manager F. A. Brobst of the Hollenden. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin were driven to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Boardman.



NAT GOODWIN.

on Euclid avenue, where they were entertained at dinner. Three weeks ago Goodwin received official notice that his former wife had secured a divorce from him in New York. By the decree he was prohibited from marrying during the life of his divorced wife. This prohibition, while legally operative in New York, has no effect in this state.

MARTIN'S DEFENSE.

Claims Justification in Shooting Miners and Charges Them With Violence.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 21.—The trial of Sheriff Martin and his deputies for murder may close in two weeks, or it may be protracted until the first of April. The length of the trial will depend upon the defense, who will put on 168 or 318 witnesses.

John T. Lenahan, chief of the defense, says that much new matter will be brought out and that allegations going to prove justification of the shooting will be made in detail. These are to be followed by evidence calculated to show that striking miners, not the Harwood men, committed acts of violence for two weeks before the shooting at Latimer.

If this is excluded, Mr. Lenahan promises to produce 100 witnesses who will swear to violent acts done by the Harwood men on their way to be shot at Latimer. The battles of the coming week will probably be the most interesting thus far fought in the trial.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

There is an estimated deficit of 17,000,000 yen in the Japanese budget.

Jonas Preston, Jr., a mulatto, brutally murdered his wife at West Chester, Pa.

William Scanlan, the Irish romantic actor and singer, died in Bloomingdale asylum.

Troops have started from Seattle for Skaguay to keep order there. Two more companies will go to Dyce.

George E. Oakes of Indianapolis has challenged General Lew Wallace to a duel for a slur on General McClellan.

A report from Gloucester, Mass., says the coal laden schooner William Johnson of Somers Point, N. J., was lost in a gale.

William A. Boggs, the defaulting paying teller of the First National bank of Denver, is under arrest and is willing to confess how he got away with \$100,000 of the bank's money.

James Vesser and Robert N. Mills, connected with the Republican congressional campaign committee, are under arrest in Washington, charged with stealing 6,000,000 envelopes, the property of the committee.

Miss Willard's Will.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—By the terms of the will of Miss Frances E. Willard, late president of W. C. T. U., her estate will pass into the temple fund after the life interests of her secretary, Miss Anna Gordon, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary B. Willard, have expired. The property consists of 18,000; a small cottage in the Adirondacks and \$2,000 in cash which was presented to Miss Willard on her fiftieth birthday.

Indian Land to Be Opened For Occupation. KALISPELL, Mon., Feb. 21.—It is reported from Washington that the ceded portion of the Blackfoot reservation will be open for occupancy and exploration under the provisions of the mining laws of the United States about Feb. 25. This was formerly the largest Indian reservation in the country, and it is understood there is a valuable mineral belt in the strip.

SENATE AND HOUSE.

Stirring Debate on Cuban Affairs May Be Precipitated.

INFORMATION READY FOR CONGRESS.

Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill Part of Programme For Lower Body—Senate Will Discuss Hawaii and Corbett Among Other Matters.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Unless the Cuban question or some phase of the Maine disaster should come before the house this week, the time will be devoted, nominally at least, to the sundry civil appropriation bill.

This bill will be reported to the house at once. It is a very voluminous measure, containing all the odds and ends of appropriations, as its name indicates, and is usually productive of more protracted contest than any other appropriation bill. It is understood that the information regarding the situation in Cuba, asked for last week by the house, has been prepared by the state department and is ready for transmittal.

Some of the consular reports bearing on the situation have been edited in places, but it is said that the situation as presented probably will call for some action, and if the information goes to the house this week an effort may be made to get it before the house in some manner.

For this reason, and in view of the condition of public sentiment pending the result of the official investigation into the cause of the disaster to the Maine, it is considered probable that the answer of the state department will be withheld for several days. In the face of the catastrophe which has occurred the members of the house who have usually rushed to the fore on the occasion of any sensational development, either in foreign or domestic affairs, were ominously silent last week.

The extreme gravity of the situation and the far-reaching consequences of hasty or ill considered action tended to disarm them, but at any time during the consideration of the appropriation bill, where the greatest latitude in debate is allowed, a stirring discussion involving the recent sensational developments in Cuba may be precipitated.

But those in authority, by keeping the appropriation bill in the right of way, can easily prevent actual action by the house if they so desire, and the prevailing opinion of the conservative leaders on both sides is that both action and agitation are out of place until all the facts upon which a calm judgment can be predicated are known.

Senator Allen's Intentions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The diplomatic and consular and the military appropriation bills will be considered and passed by the senate during the week. There will be more or less debate in executive session of the Hawaiian annexation treaty, and speeches will be made on the claim of Mr. Corbett to a seat in the senate on the appointment of the governor of Oregon. The Corbett matter will not be pressed, except to the end of having the speeches so far disposed of as to make sure of getting a vote at the time fixed—a week from today. The expectation is that the bill making appropriation for the consular and diplomatic service bill be made the basis for considerable debate.

It is understood to be Senator Allen's intention to make an effort to secure the incorporation in the bill as an amendment of his provision for the recognition of Cuban belligerency, and if he should make this effort the result might be a general discussion of the Cuban question. While, however, this is among the possibilities, it does not at this time appear probable, for the senate is not now in a mood for the opening of this question pending the Maine investigation; so that if it should be taken up this week, there would have to be a quite radical change in sentiment.

There are some senators, however, who are desirous of having the subject debated, and they may force the issue. As Mr. Allen's amendment was adversely reported from the committee on foreign relations, Senator Hale will raise a point of order against it. This the vice president will sustain, and Mr. Allen will of course appeal. There will be stubborn opposition to such an amendment if offered, and the contest may be an animated one. If Mr. Allen persists in his purpose, independently of the Cuban amendment, the diplomatic bill is likely to cause debate on other questions. It seldom gets through the senate without being made the basis of more or less general discussion of the country's foreign policy.

Mrs. De Concilio Seriously Ill.

JERSEY CITY, Feb. 21.—Mrs. De Concilio, the venerable rector of St. Michael's Roman Catholic church, who has been ill several days, was reported last night to be in a critical condition. The monsignor has long suffered from rheumatism, and a year ago he went to Europe on an indefinite leave of absence. He returned much improved.

Commissioner Welles' Body Found.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The body of former Police Commissioner Welles of Brooklyn was found in the woods near Scotch Plains, N. J., yesterday. It was removed to Plainfield by permission of the coroner. The throat was cut and it was evident Welles had committed suicide.

Examinations For Attorneys.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—The state board of bar examiners announces that the examinations of applicants for admission as attorneys will be held in Boston on March 12, 13, 14, and at Springfield also on the last mentioned date.

Two Fishermen Saved.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 21.—A dispatch received here from Helsingfors says that the 200 fishermen, who were carried to sea last Wednesday on a tract of ice that broke adrift on the coast of the gulf of Finland have been saved.

THREATEN WEEKES.

Letters Sent Him Regarding His Attack on Murphy.

SAYS THEY ARE WRITTEN BY THUGS

They Come From Troy, and the Writers Threaten to Do Up Mr. Weekes For His Resolution Censuring the New York Senator.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—A morning paper publishes the following story: Threats have been made against John A. Weekes, Jr., the Citizens' Union member of assembly from the Twenty-fifth district, because he introduced the resolution adopted by the legislature censuring United States Senator Edward Murphy, Jr., for voting for the Teller resolution. Mr. Weekes has paid no attention to them and has not thought it worth while to call them to the attention of the assembly.

When Mr. Weekes was seen last night in his home, 46 West Forty-seventh street, he admitted having received threatening letters from Troy, where Senator Murphy lives.

"I receive probably 100 or more letters a day," said he. "I have had two of a threatening nature since I introduced the resolution. They were evidently written by different persons and, to judge from the writing, by 'toughs' or thugs. Both letters were anonymous, and both warned me that unless I let Senator Murphy alone I would be 'done up.'"

"I laughed at them when I received them and threw them into the waste basket with other letters which I did not care to preserve. I would have had an investigation made if there had been any way of tracing the writers. I have thought since that it would be very easy for some person to attack me owing to the fact that my seat in the assembly chamber is just under the gallery."

Senator Murphy is the idol of the Democracy of Troy, which has always been quick to resent attacks upon him. There is a lawless element in that city which has more than once been responsible for acts of violence. The political crime which attracted the widest attention to Troy was the killing of Robert Ross, a Republican, by Bartholomew Shea at the polls.

Governor Black's relentless prosecution of Shea, which ended in his conviction, was the cause of his being elected to the house of representatives and afterward nominated for governor. The example made of Shea practically put a stop to political lawlessness in Troy, and Mr. Weekes' friends believe that he has nothing to fear unless it may be from some free silver crank who may have written one of the letters.

Milwaukee Blizzard Swept.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 21.—The blizzard which Milwaukee is the center still continues. Twenty-two inches of snow is reported by the weather bureau to have fallen in this city. The storm is confined to the eastern part of the state. The temperature fell about 20 degrees last night. Snow to the depth of seven feet is piled up all along the different lines of street railway, and it will be many days before it can be carted away. Railway trains on all roads entering Milwaukee are all the way from two to fifteen hours late.

French Advancing In West Africa.

AKASSA, Niger Coast Protectorate, West Africa, Feb. 21.—Intelligence has arrived here that two French expeditions are advancing toward Sokoto, capital of the sultanate of Sokoto, on the Sokoto river, in the extreme north of the Hausa States, and that six French officers, with a force of 200 men, have arrived at Argungu and Tagga. The former town is an important place on the Sokoto river, about half way between the sultan's capital and the river Niger and is within the British sphere.

Burglars at Work In Melrose.

MELROSE, Mass., Feb. 21.—Three stores were entered by burglars, and while very little of value was taken, the supposed thieves gave three local officers a warm chase. All escaped, however, although a dozen shots were fired at them by the officers. The police of the neighboring towns were notified by telephone, and a young man who gave his name as Henry E. Black of New York was arrested by Saugus officers.

Man Burned to Death.

ELIZABETHTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 21.—The residence of Peter Liberty was destroyed by fire yesterday. Of the 20 persons in the house all escaped but John Bradford of Essex, N. Y., a teamster, who was suffocated and burned to a crisp. The fire originated in the kitchen, and the back part of the house was burned before discovered. Very little was saved.

A Ferryboat Burned.

CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 21.—The steamer Appleford, owned by Peter Hagan, was destroyed by fire while tied to her wharf at Cramer Hill. She was used as a ferryboat to Philadelphia and carried 300 passengers. The police believe the fire was the work of an incendiary. Loss \$5,000, partly covered by insurance.

Died of Starvation.

TRENTON, Feb. 21.—John Lyner died yesterday. Death was due to starvation. He suffered from a cancer of the mouth and throat, due to excessive smoking. The cancer became so severe that he could not eat or drink. For four years he has been kept alive with the greatest difficulty.

Thought to Be an Earthquake.

MILFORD, N. H., Feb. 21.—What is believed to have been an earthquake shock was felt here yesterday morning. Barn doors were thrown open, windows rattled and the earth had a perceptible tremble.

ROCHEFORT CHEERED

Prison Gates Close on the Parisian Editor.

WELCOMED IN HONOR BY WARDERS.

Meanwhile the Crowd Outside Howls Itsself Hoarse In His Honor and Varies Things by the Usual Cry of "Death to the Jews."

PARIS, Feb. 21.—Two thousand people assembled yesterday in front of the St. Pelagie prison (well known as a prison for offending journalists) to greet M. Henri Rochefort, editor of The Intransigent, on entering to serve a sentence of five days' imprisonment for libeling M. Joseph Reinach, Conservative deputy for the district of Digne and editor of The Republique Francaise, by charging him with intending to prove the innocence of Alfred Dreyfus by the use of forged documents.

At first there were no signs of force to preserve order, but as the crowd increased a company of Republican guards, headed by buglers and drummers, a detachment of police and two squadrons of cuirassiers were drawn up on each side the square in front of the prison. The troops were received with cries of "Vive l'armee!" It was 4 o'clock before M. Rochefort arrived. The crowd flocked around his carriage, shouting "Vive Rochefort!" and "Vive la Commune!" the police being powerless to restrain them. M. Rochefort alighted, waving his handkerchief, and, escorted by the people, walked to the prison gates. About 50 of his friends, including M. Ernest Roche, one of the deputies for Paris; the editor of Jour and the assistant editors of Intransigent, accompanied him inside the building amid continuous cheers from the populace.

The warders, with the governor of the prison at their side, were waiting, cap in hand, and respectfully received the prisoner. The crowd meanwhile dispersed, singing "The Carmagnole" and shouting "Vive Rochefort!" and "Vive la Commune!" and completely blocking traffic on the Rue Monge. So far, though there was much excitement, the crowd was good humored.

Suddenly a new gathering of 3,000, headed by MM. Millevoye, Thiebaud and Regis, marched toward the Pantheon, yelling "Down with Zola!" and "Death to the Jews!" The police formed across the road and stopped the progress of the demonstrators. MM. Thiebaud and Millevoye began haranguing the crowd from some steps, despite the efforts of the police to dislodge them. They advised the crowd to disperse in orderly fashion, but to keep on shouting loyal cries and to reserve its strength for another occasion. Thiebaud exulted M. Rochefort as "the man who will toll the knell of the Jews."

Finally the mob dispersed, amid shouts of "Consuevez Zola!" and similar cries. MM. Millevoye and Thiebaud went to the police station to demand the liberation of a dozen people, including the editor of Petit Parisien, arrested in the course of the demonstration.

Troubles of a Klondike Steamer.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Feb. 21.—The steamer North Pacific, from Seattle en route to Alaska, is still here and is likely to remain for some time. Half way across the straits of Fuca the steamer was forced to put back on account of the heavy sea, which caused her to ship large quantities of water. Then all but three of the steamer's crew deserted her, and also the passengers, who numbered 120. They decline to proceed farther on this steamer, as they are convinced that she is unworthy. The managers telegraphed to Seattle for a new crew. Unhappily prevented by the authorities, the managers say that they will start north as soon as the new crew arrives and the weather moderates and that the passengers who do not want to go can stay behind, but no money will be refunded.

May Try to End the Strike.

NEW BEDFORD, Feb. 21.—The sixth week of the cloth mills strike opens without any indications of the opening of the mills on the part of the manufacturers. There is a feeling, however, that the coming week will see a meeting of representatives of both sides, as suggested by Commissioner Barry of the state board of arbitration, that some arrangement looking to a conclusion of the strike may be discussed.

The Troubles of Chile and Peru.

LIMA, via Galveston, Feb. 21.—Public opinion as to the negotiations for adjusting the difficulties between Chile and Peru has entered a new phase. It is admitted that a basis of settlement has been reached, except as to the promise of neutrality. The latter being the pivot upon which all turns it is thought possible there will be a failure in the negotiations.

Postmaster Burned to Death.

RUNSBURG, Minn., Feb. 21.—The postoffice and store at this place have been burned. Postmaster Olof Kartunen, who slept in the building, was cremated. There is no evidence of foul play, and the fire is thought to be the result of accident. Kartunen had been postmaster nine years.

Sam Jones After a Governorship.

CARTERSVILLE, Ga., Feb. 21.—Rev. Sam P. Jones has arrived at his home here from his western lecturing tour and immediately announced himself an independent candidate for governor of Georgia on a platform of his own, which he promises to announce at once.

Wealth Lost In the Clara Nevada.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 21.—Passengers on the steamer City of Seattle, which has arrived here, say there is a report in the north that a party of seven with \$105,000 in dust was on board the lost steamer Clara Nevada.



CAPTAIN W. T. SAMPSON.

[President Naval Board of Inquiry].

vers. Did some work today, but with little success. Parts of the Maine, especially the superstructure and connections, are a confused mass of metal."

Another brief telegram from Captain Sigsbee reads:

"Havana, Feb. 20.—Bache."

Which means that the coast survey steamer has arrived at Havana, bringing all the diving apparatus sent from the squadron.

The navy department also received the following telegram from Captain Sigsbee: "Following is the condition of our wounded in Havana hospitals. Apprentice Koehler, slight improvement, condition still very grave; Holzer, same; Allen, slight improvement, condition grave; Heffron, Shea, Mattison, favorable; Loftus, convalescent, Cahill, improved, but grave; Mack, Waters and Webber, favorable." The report on the same subject from Captain Forsyth at Key West says: "Maine survivors all in good condition. Surgeon reports wounded doing well."

Secretary Long said, after looking over his telegraphic and mail correspondence, that it contained nothing of importance beyond the dispatches above given. The secretary referred with satisfaction to the dispatch stating that the court of inquiry would assemble at Havana. The plan had been for the court to meet first at Key West and after doing such work as was possible there to proceed to Havana. But Mr. Long thought it was desirable to have the court proceed at once to Havana, where the inquiry could begin on the actual scene of disaster and where personal inspection would aid in an intelligent judgment.

When Mr. Long's attention was called to reports that he had taken official cognizance of Captain Sobral's criticisms of the American navy, the secretary said that he had called the subject to the attention of the state department with a view to having an inquiry made by that branch. The particular expression to which the secretary had directed the attention of the state department was the following, attributed to Captain Sobral:

"It was the result of an explosion inside of the ship which took place in one of the forward magazines. The fact of the matter is that the discipline and the watch observed on the ship were very lax. This is an English newspaper the other day declared, in the case of American warships generally. This sort of thing has occurred on previous occasions on American war vessels."

The secretary said that he had not called attention to those other features of Captain Sobral's alleged interview in which he refers to the possibilities of war and to the information he had gained while naval attaché of the Span-

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.
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WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—Snow or rain; probably clearing Tuesday afternoon; colder; easterly gales backing to westerly.

THE TEMPERATURE.
The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 33°; 12 m., 36°; 3 p. m., 37°.

Commissioner McDonough, of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, devotes a portion of his annual report to the discussion of farm conditions and prospects. He quotes farmers as authority for the statement that farm values during the past decade have declined from fifty to seventy-five per cent. and is forced to admit that he sees little prospect of improvement in the agricultural outlook. To the farmers in the counties that supply milk to the New York market "at the unremunerative rates of 1-10, 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 per quart for delivery at the railway, creameries and other receiving stations" the commissioner suggests that they should organize as a union and act as a unit in their dealings with the milk combination. Under such an organization they "can establish their own rates, and while the combination is hesitating as to what they will do about it, the farmers can convert their milk into cheese for the European market in the summer and into butter for the home market during the winter, and feed the by-product to the swine." This shows what a wonderful grasp the commissioner has of the milk business. The scheme of union among producers is, as old as the milk shipping business itself, but the man has not yet appeared who has been able to devise a scheme that would bring and keep the farmers into such a union. When the commissioner can eliminate the hard conditions that make each day's milk receipts a vital necessity to at least half the milk producing farmers he will have taken the first and most essential step toward making possible union for the control of the supply and the market price. And in it this can be done it is to be theorized as to how the farmers' lot can be improved.

The Argus had thought of offering a \$50,000 reward for evidence as to the cause of the battle-ship Maine's disaster, only we dislike to dabble in small change. We are now, however, at work upon an entirely new clue, tending to prove that the man who blew up the Maine is the same man who struck the late William Patterson. Upon the production, at this office, of proof that this theory is correct, we shall hand the perpetrator and his accomplices over to justice; publish in this paper full-page pictures of the criminals, together with autograph congratulations sent to us by the Akkoud of Swat and the Himukamuk of Bunkur; and proceed forthwith to pay the national debt. This offer we shall have signalled to-day to all parts of the solar system.—Albany Argus.

OBITUARY.

Elizabeth A. Clark.

The death of Elizabeth Y. Clark occurred at Pell's Island, Sunday, of pneumonia. She was in her eighth year. The funeral notice appears in another column.

Barney Perry.

Barney Perry, formerly of this city, and brother of Thomas Perry, proprietor of the Electric Hotel on Low avenue, died at Orr's Mills, Sunday night about 5 o'clock.

The deceased had been ill about nine weeks, suffering from diseases of the kidneys and liver. He was sixty-five years of age. He was born at Vernon, N. J., and was the son of Bradner and Abigail (Briggs) Perry. Six sisters and one brother survive him: Thomas, of this city; Mrs. Florence Riggs and Mrs. Emeline Cox, of Port Jervis; Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, of Pontiac, Mich.; Mrs. Jane Slater, of Jersey City; Mrs. Celia Knickerdall, of Brooklyn; and Mrs. Jennie Longstreet, of Little Ferry.

His first wife was Ophelia Brown, whom he married at New Foundland, N. J., and who died nearly thirty years ago, leaving one daughter, Mrs. Samuel Cook, of Jersey City.

His second wife survives him with one child, Pansy.

Mr. Perry was best known as a driver of good horses. He was with James and John Goldsmith and owned good horses of his own at one time.

He conducted a hotel at Blairtown, N. J., in his early life, and later one at Wallkill. He conducted the Bell House in this city before it was torn down, having sold out to Theo. Doremus.

He was employed when he died at the Cornwall Stock Farm which C. H. C. Beakes sold recently.

The funeral will be held at Orr's Mills, Tuesday, at 10.30, and the body will be brought here on an evening train and buried in Hillside Cemetery, Wednesday morning, at the convenience of the family.

Will Take the Grand Lodge Degree.

Half a dozen members of Orange Encampment will go to New York City, to-morrow, to take the Grand Lodge degree. C. C. Foke is the regular representative of the lodge in attendance.

DIVERS WORKING AT THE MAINE

Recovering the bodies of the Victims—No Truth in the Story of Another Explosion.

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HAVANA, Feb. 21.—Divers, to-day, continue the work of trying to recover the bodies of victims of the Maine disaster. There is no truth in the report that another explosion occurred at the wreck of the Maine, as might have been inferred by reports which reached Key West, yesterday.

A BOMB EXPLOSION.

Caused Great Excitement at a Masquerade in a Havana Theatre.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
HAVANA, Feb. 20.—At midnight, last night, while a masquerade ball was being given at the Irija Theatre, a bomb was exploded on the second floor, destroying the window blinds and roof. One person was seriously and two others slightly injured. The explosion caused great excitement.

NO NEW FACTS KNOWN.

Havana Dispatches Tell Nothing New Concerning the Maine Disaster.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Several reports came by telegraph to the State and Navy depots to-day. None of the messages throw any light upon the cause of the Maine disaster and in fact nothing definite on this point can be known for several days to come.

HEAVY SNOW STORMS IN WESTERN NEW YORK.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
GENESEE N. Y., Feb. 21.—The heaviest snow storm of the winter is raging in this vicinity. Eight inches of snow has fallen up to seven o'clock this morning.

TO RECOVER THE MAINE.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Senate has passed the House joint resolution appropriating \$200,000 for the recovery of the Maine, and it now goes to the President.

HIGH WATER IN THE STREAMS.

The Heavy Rainfall Has Raised All Streams Above High Water Mark—Lowlands Flooded—Cellars Affected.

The heavy rainfall of Saturday and Sunday nights raised all the streams in this section to far above high water mark. Monahan brook was a raging torrent by 9 o'clock, Sunday morning, and the bed of the stream was given such a cleaning as it has not had in many a month.

All the lowlands in and about the city are flooded, in many places to the depth of several feet.

At the Traction Company power house the water was a foot deep in the boiler room, Sunday morning, and was at one time within two feet of the fires. No serious trouble was, however, experienced nor has the high water made any trouble at any point along the line.

The Wallkill is rolling a vast quantity of water seaward. It rose, Sunday, at the rate of half a foot an hour and by the middle of the afternoon a good part of Midway Park was under water.

This morning, a telephone message from Louis V. Bauer was to the effect that the water was within three feet of the Phillipsburgh bridge and rising steadily and rapidly. The Wallkill is a peculiar stream in that, owing to the drowned lands acting as a vast reservoir, its does not reach its full height until other streams have begun to fill and it the flood continues serious trouble may result along the stream.

The approach to the Hopkins Bridge is under water and the bridge is unsafe for travel. The approaches to the Stony Ford bridge are also water.

The cellars in this city which are flooded are so many that an attempt to name the owners who have been damaged would be useless. The high water washed away the foot bridge on South street, Sunday afternoon.

MADE HIMSELF A PRISONER.

Farmer Used an Axe Too Effectively in Cutting Away a Fallen Telegraph Pole

A farmer driving near "hogback" tower, Sunday afternoon, discovered a pole hanging over the road obstructing his passage. He procured an axe and cut the pole, only to see several more poles go down, obstructing his progress and retreat. He was penned in several hours until the Erie men released him.

Farewell Reception to Dr. and Mrs. Gordon.

A far-well reception to Dr. and Mrs. Gordon will be held in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church, Monday evening, Feb. 28, from 7 to 10 o'clock. Every member of the church and congregation is invited to be present on this occasion.

Rev. Jesse C. Coddington at St. Paul's Church.

The Rev. Jesse C. Coddington, pastor at Mountville, preached an excellent sermon in St. Paul's Church, Sunday morning.

A Sensible Man

Would use Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. It is curing more cases of Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup and all Throat and Lung Troubles, than any other medicine. The proprietor has authorized any druggist to give you a Sample Bottle free to convince you of the merit of this great remedy. Price 25c. and 50c.

FACE HUMORS

Pimples, blotches, blackheads, red, rough, oily, mothy skin, itching, scaly scalp, dry, thin, and falling hair, and baby blemishes prevented by CUTICURA SOAP, the most effective skin purifying and beautifying soap in the world, as well as purest and sweetest for toilet, bath, and nursery.

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EVERY HUMOR

JUDGE HIRSCHBERG'S COURT.

Business Transacted at the Special Term of the Supreme Court at Newburgh, Saturday.

In Judge Hirschberg's special term in Newburgh, Saturday, arguments were heard and briefs submitted in the case of Lizzie Doty, who is suing the village of Port Jervis for \$25,000 damages for the loss of her husband, who was shot and killed by a special policeman, two years ago.

In the divorce case of Electra M. Leighton vs. Thomas J. Leighton an order was granted for \$50 counsel fees and \$5 a week alimony until the trial of the case.

Lawrence C. Picard vs. Mary C. Picard was the title of a Newburgh divorce case, in which adultery being clearly proved, a decree was granted. The couple have six children ranging in age from twelve to two years, and since leaving her husband and taking up her residence with another man, another child has been born to Mrs. Picard.

Anna Waring, of Walden, was granted a divorce from Whitney Waring, the evidence showing that for six years he had maintained an establishment in New York over which a woman named Lizzie Baker presided.

W. E. O'Neill appealed to have the verdict of \$100 rendered in R. A. Sayer's slander suit against Lewis B. Scott set aside. Briefs were submitted.

J. W. Lyon, attorney for Lizzie Craft, administratrix, was given ten days in which to serve a complaint in her action against the Erie to recover damages for the loss of her husband, who was killed by the cars.

Surprised by Her Sunday School Class

Mrs. G. M. Conkling, of Mills avenue, met with a complete surprise, Saturday, when her class from the First Baptist Church Sunday School all called upon her. They had a good time and a supper was served which they brought with them.

Not the Wall of a Banshee.

The weird uncanny noise heard in this city for several minutes about 7 o'clock last night and which made the timid feel creepy wasn't the wail of the banshee but was Goshen's unearthly fire whistle.

Couldn't Stand the Heat.

Carl Iseman's horse stood the petting hail as long as he could, while standing on James street, this morning, and then started on a run for the East Main street store. W. B. McDowell caught him at Orchard and North streets.

Dr. Bull's Pills

If your liver is torpid; if your appetite is poor; if you want your stomach and bowels thoroughly cleansed, without debilitating yourself, take Dr. John W. Bull's Pills.

DIED

SLOAT—In this city, suddenly, Feb. 20th '98, Cornelius J. Sloat, aged sixty-two years. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon, at two (2) o'clock, at Grace Episcopal Church. Interment in family plot, Hillside Cemetery.

FELTER—In this city, Feb. 20th, '98, Charles E. Felter, aged forty-nine years, seven months, fifteen days. Funeral services will be held from the First Baptist church, Wednesday afternoon, at two-thirty o'clock. Interment in Hillside Cemetery.

PERRY—At Orr's Mills, Feb. 20th, '98, Barney Perry, aged sixty-five years, four months, fourteen days. Funeral services will be held from his late residence, at Orr's Mills, Tuesday morning, at two-thirty o'clock. Interment in family plot, Hillside Cemetery.

CLARK—At Pell's Island, Feb. 20th, '98, of pneumonia, Elizabeth Y. Clark, in her eighth year. Funeral Wednesday, at eleven o'clock, from her late residence, Pell's Island. Interment in family plot, at Pell's Island. Relatives and friends will please attend without further notice.

OUR ANNUAL CLEARING SALE OF Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks Begins Monday, Jan. 3d

We have about 300 Cloaks to select from in all grades. Below we quote a few numbers—Our regular \$12.95 coat now \$7.95, our regular \$10 coat now \$6.40, our regular \$8.95 coat now \$4.75, our regular \$5.98 coat now \$2.98. Remember these are all facts, no sham figures. We stick to our custom, never advertise unless we have the article. Any one needing a Coat or Cape, should not lose sight of this opportunity at our handsome store.

L. STERN, 13-15 NORTH ST.

Still selling fine plaid, all lined Shirt Waists, regular \$1 kind, for \$0.50 each.

New Spring Dress Goods.

Now ready. We are daily receiving shipments of New Dress Goods, consisting of Canvas Cloths, Poplins, Serges, Camel's Hair, Coverts, etc. Prices from 25c to \$2 per yard. Will be pleased to show them.

Balance of our stock of GREEN CLOAKS at \$4.50 were \$10 to \$12, sizes 32, 34, 36.

CARSON & TOWNER,

No. 11 West Main Street.

Telephone 166.

Our Derby Hats to Close at 50c. are Going Like Hot Cakes.

They are all good hats. Sold last fall for \$1.50 to \$3. Styles have changed, so SACRIFICE at 50c

NEW NECKWEAR Going Fast.

COST SALE OF READY-MADE CLOTHING IS TAKING

People realize the advantage of buying NOW.

ADAMS & BOYD, No. 41 North Street, Middletown.

"THE DAY OF CHEAP THINGS"

Take no risk. Buy a wheel that is built of only the finest material, by skilled workmen, and by a firm that has a reputation to maintain

Columbias -- Chainless \$125, Regular \$75.

Hartfords \$50, Vedettes \$40 and \$35.

GEO. A. SWALM & SON.

WE CARRIED OVER ONE WHEEL. WE SHOW NEW PATTERNS.

The Season of Low Prices for Fine Goods.

OBSERVE. WE OFFER

1,000 yards Bates' Seer sucker, the 12 1/2c kind, 6 1/2c.

1,500 yards Dress Ginghams, the 8c kind, 4 1/2c

2,000 yards Madder Prints, the 5c kind, 3 1/2c.

10 styles Dress Patterns, reduced from \$2.79, \$1.95 per dress.

10 styles Dress Patterns, reduced from \$2.39, \$1.69 per dress.

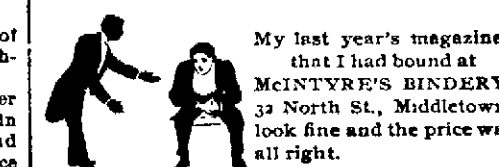
50 doz. extra heavy Ribbed Hose, size 5 to 9 1/2, 10c a pair.

50 doz. Ladies' Black Hose, the 15c kind, at 10c a pair.

A few only of our low prices. Come and compare.

H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.

No. 39 North Street.



My last year's magazines that I had bound at MCINTYRE'S BINDERY, 32 North St., Middletown, look fine and the price was all right.

YOU CAN FIND

Many good bargains in all departments, as

Winter Goods!

must go to make room for our large stock of

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS.

Capes and Jackets.

WE HAVE A FEW NICE ONES LEFT, AND THE

PRICE WILL NOT KEEP THEM.

REMEMBER THE PLACE.

J. D. HORTON, AGT.,

No. 27 West Main Street.

OUR NEWEST THING.

In fine stationery is the French Crepon Paper, which we offer at only 32 cents a pound.

We have it in four tints, cream, azure, rose, heliotrope, with envelopes to match.

This is the best thing we have ever offered in pound papers. Which tint will you have?

See our samples of the correct things in engraved cards. We supply promptly from new or old plates.

Hanford & Horton,

No. 6 North St., Middletown.

ON TIME!

Yes, we're bound to be on time always. This time it is with a large line of Spring Suitings and Trouserings. You will see a display of them in our east window. They are UP-TO-DATE, every one of them, and an early order will prove satisfactory to the buyer, as there are some patterns shown now that can't be duplicated later in the season, and they won't cost you a cent more now than they would in July or August.

All Winter Overcoats, Heavy Gloves, Horse Blankets, Robes, etc., must go now—and go quickly. The time is on for a grand rush for bargains.

GEO. W. YOUNG.

Clothier, Custom and Ready made

Clothing, Gents' Furnishings,

16 18 East Main St., Middletown

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N. S. Dunsberry & Son's No.

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Telephone 178—No. 4 North Street. 188—No. 13 Montgomery Street.

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Swamp Root

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F. M. PRONK'S.

No. 27 West Main Street.

RAILROAD MEN.

We are sole agents for Peters' Brotherhood Overalls, made by a brotherhood man.

The best made overall at no more cost than any other good brand.

Coats are made with a new combination safety watch, pencil and handkerchief pocket. Your watch can't fall out. We want you to try them.

MORRIS B. WOLF,

Blue Front Store,

10 North St.

WE ARE JUST

Taking our annual inventory for the 25th time, and we arise to remark, look out for us this spring. You have heard of "blood on the moon," and a twinkle in your eye, etc., but you have not heard, no, not even dreamed, of the prices we are going to offer on

FURNITURE, Carpets and Crockery

this spring. It won't be necessary to go out of our city to get goods cheap or find an assortment as we have, about seven car loads on the way.

C. Emmet Crawford,
44 AND 46 NORTH STREET.

Italian Violet Perfume, exquisite, fragrant and lasting—the true reproduction of the delicate natural violet. Its popularity and sales constantly increasing; its odor unchanging.

There are other makes of Italian Violet. Ours is the genuine and sold here at only our stores. McMonagle & Rogers, both stores.



Orange Flower Balm keeps the hands smooth white and attractive. Used for thirty years by some people; used every year by those who know its great value.

Don't be misled by substitutes. There is but one Orange Flower Balm—we make it and sell it. (lots of it), at 25 cents per bottle. Both stores.

McMonagle & Rogers (30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy).)

A NEW DEPARTURE.

WE HAVE ADDED
Sewing Machines!
TO OUR STOCK.
THE BEST IN THE WORLD
A WRITTEN GUARANTEE WITH EACH MACHINE, AS WITH OUR

New, Clean, Up-to-Date FURNITURE, CARPETS, CROCKERY, ETC. WE ARE

The Cheapest Place in the City.

FRANCE & BATHAWAY,

25 AND 27 EAST MAIN STREET

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Rooms to let, 16 Sprague avenue.
—Liberal credit at E. H. Gregory's.
—Crackers on a stand at J. W. Sloat's.
—Sewing machines for sale by France & Bathaway.
—Suits and dress goods cheap at Geo. B. Adams & Co.
—Meeting of Hoffman Lodge, to-morrow.
—Meeting of Geo. Lyon Post, Wednesday.
—Middle-aged woman wanted.
—Three bargains at Economy Store.
—Dyspepsia cured by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.
—Health restored by Dr. Miles' Nervine.
—Calendars given with Fairy Soap.
—Pile's Cure for coughs and colds.
—Constipation cured by Cascarets.
—For backache, Doan's Pills.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.
—McQuoid's ball, to-night.
—The Gormans at the Casino, Wednesday evening.
—S. and W. reception to-night, at the Assembly Rooms.
—"Mr. Beane from Boston" at the Casino, Wednesday evening.
—Remember the "advertisement night" social at Dr. Pillsbury's, to-night.
—Remember that McQuoid Engine company gives a ball at the Casino, to-night.
—The 24th Separate Company Band will meet Wednesday evening. Business of importance.
—Lancelot Lodge's anniversary entertainment occurs at its Castle Hall, to-morrow night.
—The Gormans in "Mr. Beane from Boston" at the Casino, Wednesday evening. Prices as usual.
—A spelling match and entertainment will be held at St. Paul's Church, Friday evening, Feb. 25th.
—The Argus acknowledges the courtesies of Lancelot Lodge for its anniversary reception, to-morrow night.
—Only about a hundred persons attended the Sawtelle Company's sacred concert at the Casino, last night.
—Help the Girl's Guild of Grace Church by attending their "advertisement night" entertainment at Dr. Pillsbury's, to-night.
—Remember the reception at the Assembly Rooms, to-night, under the auspices of the Susquehanna and Western employees.
—The Junior Order of United American Mechanics are anticipating a great time at their dance, February 22, at the Assembly Rooms.
—The persons who won any article at St. Joseph's I. C. B. U. fair can have same by calling at Nearing Hall, to-night, after 7 o'clock.
—McQuoid Engine Company members tastefully decorated the Casino, to-day. They expect a large and appreciative crowd at their ball, to-night.
—Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, F. and A. M., will meet at 1:15 o'clock, to-morrow, to take action upon the death and attend the funeral of Cornelius J. Sloat.
—Mrs. Madeline Leppert, of Port Jervis, went to the bank, Saturday, to draw some money, and while on her way home lost her pocketbook, which contained \$37.
—The Girls' Guild of Grace Church will give its first entertainment, at Dr. Pillsbury's, to-night. They have arranged an entertainment that is sure to please and which will present some novel features.

PERSONAL.

—Gabriel Tutill shows improvement to-day, being able to walk about his room.
—Edward Greenleaf, of New York City spent Sunday in this city with J. A. Hoar.
—S. Kent Page, son of Rector W. W. Page, of Cornwall, is spending a few days with friends in this city.
—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hartford spent Sunday in town, Mr. Hartford returning to New York, this morning.
—Dr. Douglas was called to Franklin, yesterday, by a telegram announcing the sickness of a cousin. He will return to-night.
—Miss Phebe Elston and Miss Della Hull will leave in the fall to fulfill an engagement with the Sawtelle Dramatic Co.

Changes Among the Clothing Store Employees.

Halsey E. Gould has resigned his position with S. Lipfield and accepted one with Louis Wolff, on James street.
George F. Bailey is closing out his stock of groceries at the corner of North and Prospect streets, and will go with S. Lipfield.
Louis Frankenstein will go with Chas. Wolff when he opens his North street store.

Prof. Hopkins at the First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Hopkins, one of the professors in Hamilton College, will occupy the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church during the month of March. Dr. Hopkins does not preach as a candidate.

In the Social World.

—Miss Mame Wisner entertains at cards, to-morrow evening.
—Mrs. George N. Clemson entertains, to-morrow night, in honor of Miss Maud Davis.
—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harding will entertain the Highland avenue whist club, to-night.

The Post Office Lease.

Post Office Inspector Moses C. Durcy was in this city, to-day, and the final arrangements were made which locate the post office in the Gauthier building for the next five years.

TWO VERY SUDDEN DEATHS.

CORNELIUS J. SLOAT AND CHARLES E. FELTER SUDDENLY STRICKEN.

The Former Found Dying in His Home on North Street—The Latter Fell Dead at the Wickham Avenue Station—Apoplexy and Heart Disease the Cause of Death—Sketches of the Deceased.

Cornelius J. Sloat died suddenly at his home, No. 129 North street, Sunday afternoon about 2 o'clock. He had lived alone there for several years, and he died almost before his friends knew that he was seriously ill or had any idea that death was near.

Mr. Sloat had been ill for some time past. About a week ago he fell down the back stairs at his home, receiving bruises on the head, face, wrist and knee. Though weak he managed to reach his room. Meals were carried to him from Torrey's restaurant across the street, and Bookkeeper Edward Mills, of the O. and W., called on him each day. Friday afternoon, when he called Mr. Sloat was unable to open the door, and he acted so strangely Mr. Mills went away. Mr. Sloat was at the shop Friday and went out Saturday. On calling Sunday morning Mr. Mills was unable to get in and received no response from within.

He reported the fact to Mayor Mance, who went to the house. He too failed to effect an entrance, and becoming alarmed Captain Veber was summoned. He failed to get in and summoned two policemen, and the services of the janitor which was left behind at the Middletown Ice Company's robbery were brought into play and the rear door was forced open.

During the delay in securing the janitor the water was heard to commence running in the kitchen sink. On prying open the door it was found that the other doors and all the windows had been tightly nailed shut. A hurried investigation failed to locate Mr. Sloat on the first floor, but on going up stairs the Mayor, captain and Policeman Tyrrell found the object of their search lying on the floor of his bed room, his body partly covered by a night robe. One arm rested on a chair and one on the bed.

The visitors quickly picked him up and placed him in bed. There was not a fire in the house, and Mr. Sloat was badly chilled. He was partly conscious and after being rubbed sharply soon recognized Mayor Mance. A cup of tea and a broiled chicken were brought in when he complained of being hungry. Mayor Mance succeeded in getting several spoonfuls of tea into his mouth and he seemed to revive. He asked for Dr. Smiley, who was summoned.

In the meantime the visitors went away to arrange for his removal to Mrs. Hedge's, only Mr. Mills remaining with him, while Officer Sharpe made a fire in the stove on the floor below.

Mr. Mills noticed that his patient was gasping and called to Officer Sharpe that he believed the man was dying. The two hurried to the bedside and a few minutes later he breathed his last.

The body was taken in charge by Undertaker Rockefeller. Acting under instructions of Coroner Decker, Sunday night, Drs. Powelson, Pillsbury and Hammer performed an autopsy.

The autopsy revealed the fact that the deceased was a sufferer from Bright's disease, but that death was the direct result of apoplexy.

The coroner held an inquest, this afternoon.

Mr. Sloat was born at Scotchtown sixty-three years ago. He was a son of the late James C. Sloat. He came to Middletown when eighteen years old and finished learning the carpenter's trade with Richard Van Horn. He developed considerable architectural talent and prepared the plans for many buildings in this city. Soon after the O. and W. shops were located here he became superintendent of the carpenter shop, a position which he held until 1891, when he was made the shop's mechanical draughtsman, which place he held until his death.

He was twice married. His first wife Harriet A. Poppo, died in 1859, leaving two children, Charles, an O. and W. engineer, and Eugenia who died at the age of three years. In 1877 he married Sadie Beun-ti, who died April 28 1887.

A brother, Alfred H. Sloat, of Port Jervis, an Erie conductor, and a sister Mary J., widow of Henry Williams of Port Jervis survive.

Mr. Sloat was at one time a trustee of Middletown village and was a life member of Hoffman Lodge, F. and A. M.

The funeral notice appears elsewhere.

Charles E. Felter.

Charles E. Felter, a brakeman employed in the O. and W. milk train service and residing at 64 North street, had been obliged to lay off for a week, owing to illness, but Sunday morning he went to the station, accompanied by his son. The latter was to go out on the run with his father to do the heavy work. Mr. Felter sat down in a chair and said he guessed he would not go out on his run. He began to feel worse and his son went after Dr. Leemon, J. F. Gibbins, Jr., Thomas Girard, M. Doran and Fred Weir were in the next room. They heard him begin to breathe hard, and going in saw his head fall back and he was dead. The doctor could do nothing to revive him on his arrival.

Coroner Decker was notified and Knapp & Merritt took charge of the body.

Charles Edward Felter was born in the town of Highland, July 5, 1848, the son of John Felter and Abbie Higby. He came to this city sixteen years ago, and has been employed on the O. and W. for the past twelve years. He served in the war as a member of the 158th Regiment, was a member of General Lyon Post, G. A. R., and the Union Veterans' Union,

holding the office of Colonel in the latter organization.

The deceased is survived by his wife, to whom he was married June 21, 1870; also by two sons and two daughters: Herbert Edgar and Floyd, who reside at home; Mary, wife of C. Newberger, of this city, and Cornelia, wife of T. C. Duvey, of Rockville, near this city. The mother of the deceased resides at Reed's Creek, Delaware county, N. Y., and his father was killed in Gildersleeve's tannery, at Fowlerville, Sullivan Co., twenty-seven years ago. The following brothers and sisters of the deceased survive: Augustus, Geo. M., Isaac, William, Anna, wife of James Charles, and Valia, wife of Manning Odell, all residing at Reed's Creek. John and Caroline, wife of Joseph Kyle, reside at Monticello.

Mr. Felter was universally esteemed by all who knew him. He was naturally of a jolly disposition, and was devoutly attached to his family and home. While a resident of Equinook, Pa., he was a member of the M. E. Church, but never joined a church here.

Notice of funeral, which will be in charge of the O. and W. employees and military organizations appears elsewhere.

THE ICE STORM.

All Nature Enraged in a Glittering Sheet—Much Damage Done to Telephone Lines—Trouble With the Telephone Systems.

Saturday night's rain, freezing as it fell, enraged everything in a glittering sheet and trees and shrubs presented a beautiful appearance, Sunday morning. During the day much of the icy covering melted away, but, Sunday night, ice storm conditions again prevailed and this morning everything out of doors was thickly coated with ice.

Little if any damage has been done to trees, for only a few twigs have fallen, but the weight of the ice on the thickly covered wires made trouble with telegraph and other wires.

The Postal Telegraph Company has been the greatest sufferer. Manager Fisher discovered, Sunday morning, that his call boxes and outside connections were all useless, and no key clicked in his office until noon, to-day.

The Western Union office has experienced no great difficulties east of this city, but up at Otisville, this morning, twenty-five poles fell to the ground and Erie Linemen Smith Gibbons and Saunders and their assistants have been repairing the damage, to-day. They have found the work particularly hard as the ice was so hard and thick that the climbing spurs would not penetrate the wood to a safe distance, except under great effort.

The fire alarm system got out of order, Sunday, and the tippers in the various fire houses kept up a frequent irregular ringing, but the big alarm bells did not ring. An electric light pole fell at Myrtle and Prospect avenues, early Sunday morning, and for about ten minutes, from this or some other cause, all lights were out in the city.

The Hudson River Telephone Company did not experience any particular annoyance until Sunday night, when the Port Jervis line ceased to operate. This morning the Goshen line began to cut up, and the new central started that a thunder and lightning storm was passing over the county seat and causing the two lines to that place to work poorly.

The Orange County Telephone Company had but slight difficulty. An electric light wire dropped on one of the company's wires on West Main street, Sunday, burning out several fuses.

The ice on the tracks and the trolley wire, slightly interfered with the time schedule of the Middletown Goshen Traction Company early Sunday morning and again this morning but by ten o'clock the cars were running on time.

The excellent construction of the line is shown by the fact that no trouble was experienced with the overhead system.

Maple Dale took its name from the pretty row of maples along the highway by O. W. Mape's farm. The ice and wind storm, twisted and broke several of these trees beyond recovery.

The O. and W. wires broke under the weight of ice, to-day, all along the line from this city to Liberty. Supt. Hopkins, and Roadmaster Dicks went up the line on O. and W. 26 to repair the damage.

The Crawford branch trainmen report that the tracks are flooded near Crawford Junction, but not deep enough to cause any delay or particular annoyance.

Banks and Schools Will Be Closed, To-morrow.

The banks and schools will be closed in this city, to-morrow (Washington's Birthday).

The post office will close to-morrow morning at 11 a. m. and re-open from 7 to 8 p. m.

Washington's Birthday Social.

The Sunday School of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church will hold a Washington's birthday social, Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p. m. Members of the school may obtain tickets at the church, Tuesday afternoon, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Salt Rheum Cured Quick.

Dr. Agnew's Ointment cures Salt Rheum and all itching or burning skin diseases in a day. One application gives almost instant relief. For Itching, Blind, or Bleeding Piles it stands without peer. Cures in three to six nights. 35 cents. Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

Sufferers after gold are often disappointed. Sufferers after health take Hood's Sarsaparilla and find it meets every expectation.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

County Lodge of Good Templars—Dance and Social—Between the Acts—For the Relief of the Victims—At the Presbyterian Church—Fires Alarm of Fire—Bowling Tournament.

From Our Regular Correspondent

—The young people of St. John's Church, will hold a dance and festival in St. John's Hall, Tuesday evening, from 8 to 11:30 o'clock.

—"Between the Acts," Griffith's sparkling comedy, will be produced at Music Hall, Tuesday night, by the Amateur Dramatic Club. There has been a large advance sale of seats, but there are others, at C. E. Millpaugh's.

—Catastrophe and H. Co.'s ante-Lenten hop will be held at Music Hall to-night.

—A requiem high mass was said, yesterday morning, at St. James Church, by Rev. George C. Berts for the repose of the souls of those who went down to death in Havana Harbor aboard the battleship Maine.

—About the time when those who keep the Sabbath holy were on their way to the various places of worship, last night, the wild, unearthly shriek of the fire whistle rent the air into sectional parts. The fire bell also rang and the fire companies immediately turned out. They met, coming from opposite directions, where West Main and Church streets join. The location of the fire was unknown and after a vain attempt to discover it the firemen returned to their quarters. It was discovered that at both the Cataract and Dikeman Hose Co. houses the panels of the door had been kicked or broken in. The glass over the alarm button at Dikeman's headquarters was broken and evidently the alarm had been sent from there. No fire existed. Supt. Powell, of the electric light plant, says that after he had caused the fire whistle to sound, the alarm bell was again rung. It is possible that a crossed circuit or some entanglement of ice laden wires may have been caused by the high wind of last night, but appearances indicate that it was an act of maliciousness that caused the sounding of the alarm. If an investigation can reveal the identity of the wretch, who pressed the button, the powers that be will do the rest and make an example of him.

—The handicap bowling match will be rolled at the alleys of the G. S. A. A., to-night. Mark A. Howell is the scratch man. Those close to the scratch are handicapped: H. S. Chardavoyne, 2; Frank Drake, 3; W. C. Altman, 14; Harry Goodale, 20; Dr. Parker, 24. This will be a most exciting and interesting contest.

MAY BE WIFE MURDER.

Mrs. Jerry Reardon's Death Thought to Be Due from a Knife Inflicted by Her Husband.

Mrs. Jeremiah Reardon died, to-day, the result of injuries, Dr. Schultz believes, inflicted by her husband about six weeks ago.

Reardon committed the assault while intoxicated.

He was sent to the Albany penitentiary for one year for the offense.

The authorities will make a searching investigation of the affair.

Will L. Gate in Colorado.

John S. Haubert and Henry B. Wisner will leave for Denver, Col., to-morrow, where they have accepted positions with the Colorado Coal and Iron Company.

Mr. Haubert has been with the Morgans & Wilcox Manufacturing Company for a long time, having charge of the secret processes in the production of the type.

Mr. Wisner was with the Merchants' National Bank, and later was employed by the Press as reporter.

Very Much Disgusted Young Men.

Several young men who stayed up all night to see the Journal's special go through this city at a mile a minute were very much disgusted, Sunday morning, when the train came almost to a standstill here.

The Otisville and Hampton packages were bundled off here.

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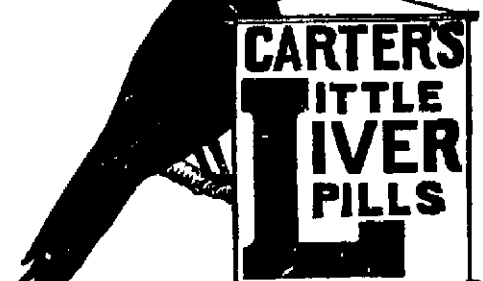
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McGinnis, the Cook.

BY ROBERT W. McCULLOCH.

WE HAD been at work on a surrey in the Bitter Root mountains since early in the spring, and the autumn had found us all disgusted and homesick—all but McGinnis, the cook. Our mail and the late papers and magazines should have been sent to us every two weeks, but for nearly two months nothing had been seen of the old trapper who acted as mail carrier, and no messenger nor message of any kind had reached us from the outside world.

One night after supper we lounged on our damp beds, ten of us in one tent, waiting for bedtime. The work of the day had been unusually hard and the hours long. We were too leg-weary and heavy of spirit to do anything but the little patching that was regularly necessary and to lounge.

McGinnis came over from the cook tent to tell us one of his tales of 40 years ago. His stories possessed one rare quality. They were reminiscent of the wild life of the mountains in the earlier days, but McGinnis played no prominent part in any of them. We were all curious to learn something about the old man, but our curiosity was never satisfied. Frequently as a story in which he figured gave promise of showing his younger self put to a test of strength or of courage, he would break off suddenly or change the entire trend of his story. But he enjoyed spinning his yarns, and our silence of late had afforded him the opportunity of a lifetime.

"Well, I see you are the same merry crowd as ever," he said, cheerily, as he took the only chair in the tent. "But which of you is it that's comin' up the slope yonder, I'd like to know?"

Several of us looked at him wonderingly. Those who were busy paid no attention whatever.

The camp dog stretched, went lazily to the opening, then grew suddenly alert and began to bark. Almost instantly ten heads were crowded between the tent flaps.

Sure enough, some one whom we could not see clearly in the dim light was coming up the valley. It was evidently a man, following the line of our survey higher up the mountain slope, though only a short distance away.

We finally fell over one another in our sudden excitement. Everyone seemed moved by the same impulse. A half dozen pairs of wet and worn-out boots disappeared from the passage between the two rows of bunks at the same instant. Some one ran out and shouted to attract attention. Then every body else shouted, because there was suddenly shouting in the soul of each.

McGinnis went quietly and lighted the fire he had laid for morning in the cook stove. The head chairman made a place near the tent opening for another bed.

The roddman and the "stake artist" fell to wrestling and rolled about in the tent and then out of it with most unexpected agility and high spirits.

A voice said it was not the old mail carrier, and we became still more curious. Not a member of the party doubted that it was some one bringing our mail.

Two or three of the boys went to meet the new arrival, and the rest of us, half ashamed of the eagerness we had shown, went back into the tent, threw ourselves down on the beds and assumed attitudes of indifference.

We heard McGinnis calling: "Come over to the cook tent and eat before the boys start you to talking; they'll never let you stop after."

"I've it," a strange voice answered. We inside sat up again, our anticipation awakened. A short, heavy-set, square-jawed man, without gun pack or blankets, limped painfully into the tent and sat down on one of the beds. He was evidently much travel-worn, but his small, beaklike eyes were intensely bright, and their glance from one to another of us was rapid and searching.

"Didn't you bring any mail?" asked the roddman, abruptly.

We all looked at the stranger eagerly and waited.

"No," he answered, in a disinterestedly calm voice that lingered unpleasantly in our ears.

The stranger felt in the inside pocket of his coat.

"Only a letter I found in the trail at the last creek crossing," he said, quietly, as he again searched us with his small, restless eyes.

"It's for some one named Patrick McGinnis," he continued, holding up an unopened letter.

"Do you know him?"

The old man reached for his letter and silently held it to the light of the nearest candle. Then we all saw that it was crumpled and deeply stained.

"Without my spectacles, it looks like blood on it," said McGinnis, slowly.

"I thought it was blood, too, and fresh," said the stranger.

"The trail was torn up near where I found it and the bushes beat down. I hunted without finding anything; but my foot was so lame I couldn't get far through the brush."

There was a sudden movement in the tent, but no one spoke. The boys shook out their coats and put them on. Everyone understood what was to be done. Those who owned rifles took them down and provided themselves with cartridges. Every weapon in camp was hurriedly put in readiness for use.

The chief of the party had come over from the instrument tent when our guest arrived.

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"I couldn't make out," the stranger answered.

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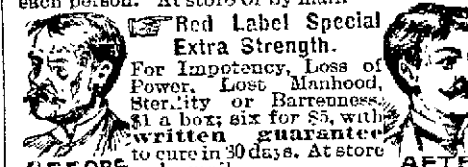
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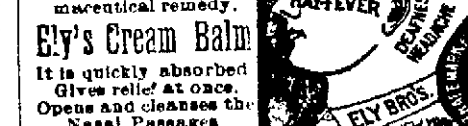
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dies," said the chief. "And, Turner, you stay to watch camp."

"I'll stay, too," said the stranger. "I'm too lame to travel. You'll have no trouble finding the place."

"I'll stay and read my letter," announced McGinnis, quietly, to the surprise of everyone, for old Morton, the trapper, had been a friend of his in the earlier days.

A moment later only the stranger and Turner were left at the sleeping tent. The searching party was well down the valley and McGinnis had gone to the cook tent. Presently he came back with his hat and spectacles on.

"It's from my little granddaughter," he said to the stranger, as he opened the letter. "Would you mind readin' it to me? My eyes was never much at hand-writin'."

The man read it—a child's note of only a few labored lines, chiefly words of love, but he read it unsteadily, for the cook held a lighted candle before his face, and who ever he glanced up from the page the old man's eyes were intensely fixed upon him.

"Ah, it's bad business—bad business!" repeated the cook, as he put away his candle. "Now 'at I know what's in the letter, I think I'll go down an' help find out what it all means—all this blood here."

Turner grew uneasy after the old man had gone. The stranger said little, but he watched his companion closely, and waited till the sounds of the cook's footsteps had died out in the distance. Then he got up, and without limping walked to the tent opening. After standing there a moment he whistled and suddenly turned upon Turner with a drawn revolver.

"Keep still and walk outside," he said.

Turner obeyed promptly. He had no weapon with which to defend himself, and he was badly frightened.

In a few moments a second stranger, lean, raw-boned and taller than the first, came out of the brush leading two horses, one saddled, the other bearing a pack. The rising moon shed but a dim light along the mountain side; yet Turner saw at a glance that the animals were the old mail carrier's.

"They bite easy," said the shorter man, with a low laugh. "There's no one at camp by this. Now hurry!"

The last arrival emptied the grips and bags and selected whatever was of value. He also took a couple of pairs of blankets and all the ammunition the boys had left behind them. Then he began to make a pack of what he had taken.

The tall stranger went to the cook tent. The other knelt down, laid his revolver on the ground, kept his eye constantly on Turner, and made a roll of what the first had put down.

When he had clutched this onto the pack, he rose and moved Turner before him to the cook-tent.

The flaps of the tent were slightly parted, but there was no light inside, and everything was quiet. He stopped before the opening, gave Turner the bridle reins and made him keep his hands above his head while at the same time he held the horses.

"Hurry up with the stuff!" he exclaimed, looking into the darkness of the tent. He waited a moment, and getting no answer, pushed aside the flaps and started to enter.

But he had put only one foot inside when the sound of a heavy blow was heard, and with a muffled cry he fell forward on his face.

Instantly McGinnis emerged from the tent, and the surprised Turner saw him drag out both strangers, almost together, and dextrously bind their hands and feet. A new vigor had come into the old man's frame, a new alertness. There were purpose and positiveness in his every movement as he went about his task.

When the men were secure he looked at Turner. The latter suddenly came to himself and put down his hands. McGinnis took the weapons from his prisoners before they regained consciousness, and with Turner's help got them into the sleeping tent, where there were lighted candles.

"I never liked this one's looks," McGinnis said, by way of explanation, as he wiped the blood from the face of the man who had brought the letter. "He looks like he'd set a bait for you, an' that's why I want away an' come back unbeknownce to 'em. I seen 'em when I got to the cook-tent, and when they come over, I was waitin' fer 'em wid the bear-trap, the only thing I could find."

Both men soon returned to consciousness, and after an effort to free themselves they sat in dozzled silence.

In about half an hour several of the searching party returned with our pouch of mail, but most of the letters had been opened, and many of them were torn and almost destroyed. Soon after, others came, accompanied by three or four strangers, carrying a limp form, which they laid carefully upon one of the beds.

The prisoners looked on intently and with unmistakable signs of fear.

Morton, our mail carrier, had been shot in the back, and, though dangerously wounded, was still living.

"Is he dead?" asked the smaller prisoner.

At the sound of his voice, Morton with a convulsive effort sat up and put his hand to his side as if to draw his revolver, but it was not there.

The men who had come back with the party relieved the cook of his prisoners and took them out to civilization. They were deputy sheriffs, part of a large posse that for nearly a week had followed the trail of the two desperadoes.

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A BIRD ON THE BONNET.

An Odd Experience Which May Happen to Any Woman.

A new danger has been found to attend the wearing of dead birds on hats and bonnets. A Shreveport (La.) paper gives an account of a singular occurrence near the town of Houghton, not far from Shreveport. A young girl of that place had bought in St. Louis a hat of the latest style, and adorned with a golden bird. She had on the hat, which was fastened with a chain with strings, and was about out a little way into the country to show it to a friend.

She was no sooner outside the town than she noticed a large American eagle flying around over her head, and seeming to follow her. She was not disturbed although she thought it strange.

Some seconds later, however, she was disturbed indeed, when she felt some great object descend upon her, and the sharp talons of an eagle piercing the sides of her head. She screamed, and for a moment believed herself to be drawn up into the air. It is scarcely possible, however, that this could actually have taken place. But it is certain that the young girl presently found herself on the ground, badly frightened and somewhat hurt, and also minus her fine new hat with the golden bird on it. This entire triumph of the milliner's art the eagle had flown away with into the upper air.

It is needless to say that she never recovered it; though whether the eagle really enjoyed his meal of stuffed and dyed bird may be doubted.

ADVICE ABOUT EATING.

Women Should Take More Time Between Meals.

It wouldn't make so much difference as to what a woman ate, says a publication which claims to be authority on culinary topics, if she would only wait long enough between meals to get hungry, but she doesn't, and there's where the trouble begins. Nature is a tremendous old Jude. Given time, she will digest and assimilate almost anything that the stomach can retain.

It is a well-known fact that spells of adverse fortune are invariably accompanied by superior physical conditions. Doctors' families never look so well as during a panic. High-toned criminals usually come out of prison in better health and face than they had when they went in. And who has not remarked the refinement of spirit and nature born of sorrow and temperance in servile families. It is well worth the expense of a trip to Carlsbad or Aix-les-Bains—not only to take the waters, but to learn how not to take the foods that deform and destroy the body.

Un-see a woman washes or works for a living she doesn't need three meals a day of her life. It takes systematic work to consume that much fuel. Engineers are too clever to fill the furnace with coal unless there is a trip to make, a elevator to run or work to do.

It doesn't matter what a man looks like so long as he is decent and healthy. It is the duty of every gentleman woman to look good looking as her circumstances will permit. Women often eat themselves ugly, and are brutal.

ROYALTY DANCED IN BALLET.

In the "Good Old Days" it was considered proper in England that a lady of the nobility should be able to dance. It was a necessary part of her education. The noble ladies of the court were expected to be accomplished in the art of dancing. It was a mark of distinction and refinement. The noble ladies of the court were expected to be accomplished in the art of dancing. It was a mark of distinction and refinement.

MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLES.

Erle Railroad Co.

Trains leave from Middletown stations, beginning Nov. 10, 1897, and continuing until further notice as follows:

Trains marked with * are daily trains. Nov. 10, 1897, and continuing until further notice as follows:

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GOING EAST.	
From Middletown to New York	8:00 a.m.
From Middletown to New York	10:00 a.m.
From Middletown to New York	12:00 p.m.
From Middletown to New York	2:00 p.m.
From Middletown to New York	4:00 p.m.

GOING WEST.	
From New York to Middletown	8:00 a.m.
From New York to Middletown	10:00 a.m.
From New York to Middletown	12:00 p.m.
From New York to Middletown	2:00 p.m.
From New York to Middletown	4:00 p.m.

Crawford Branch.	
From Middletown to Crawford	8:00 a.m.
From Crawford to Middletown	10:00 a.m.
From Middletown to Crawford	12:00 p.m.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

- For the information of our readers we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:
- 1—North street and Low avenue, hat shops.
- 2—North street and Winner Ave., type shop.
- 3—Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
- 4—Main street and Prince street.
- 5—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
- 6—West Main street and Wallkill avenue.
- 7—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
- 8—Lake avenue and West street.
- 9—W. Main street, corner Monaghan avenue.
- 10—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
- 11—Rear of State Hospital.
- 12—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
- 13—Fulton street and Henry street.
- 14—Cannell street, condenser.
- 15—Machinery and Fulton streets.
- 16—Fairview avenue and South street.
- 17—North street and Montgomery street.
- 18—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
- 19—North street, corner Orchard street.
- 20—Myrtle and Prospect avenues.
- 21—East Main street and Sprague avenue.
- 22—North street, corner Orchard street.
- 23—Franklin Square.
- 24—King before a box number, denotes that a train is made.
- 25—2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
- 26—3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
- 27—4 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.

For Over Fifty Years

Mrs. W. W. W. has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teaching them to read and to write. It is a book that every mother should have. It is a book that every mother should have. It is a book that every mother should have.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured in Three Days.

Morton L. Hill of Lebanon, Pa. writes: "I was afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism for three days. I was unable to move. I was in great pain. I was in great pain. I was in great pain."



Time Table in Effect Dec. 12th, 1897.

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WARWICK LIGHTED BY ELECTRICITY

The Electric Light Plant started up, Saturday Evening—Worked Perfectly.

The electric light plant at Warwick was started up, Saturday night. Much local interest was manifested in the event.

Among those present were representatives of the General Electric Co., the Fort Wayne-Jenny Co., the Watertown Engine Co. and the Hogan Boiler Co., the concerns which furnished the equipment for the plant.

Boiler, engine and dynamos all worked perfectly and as soon as the machinery started and the current was turned on the village was ablaze with electric lights.

A large number of people were about the plant when it was started up. Much enthusiasm was manifested and much satisfaction expressed at the fine quality of the light and the perfect working of the plant. Music by the village band and a display of fireworks were features of the evening's celebration.

THE HAMPTON CREAMERY.

Why the Erie Will Close It—Farmers to Fit Up a Creamery of Their Own.

The Erie has notified the lessee of its creamery at New Hampton that after April 1st the creamery will be closed. The agent at that station is authority for the statement that this is done on account of the Anglo-Swiss company which, finding the creamery a rival in the buying of milk, notified the Erie that if it was not closed all the condenser's freight to and from this city would be sent by other lines.

The farmers in the vicinity of Hampton are raising funds to equip a creamery in the Probert building, which they will lease to the present occupant of the Erie creamery. It is expected that he will handle about 200 cans of milk a day after April 1st.

WILL BUILD TO MILFORD.

Plans for the Extension of the Port Jervis Electric Road.

The Port Jervis trustees granted, Friday night, an application of the electric railroad company for the right to extend its line from West Main street through Ferry and other streets to the Delaware river. The officers of the company explained that they proposed to build a line to Milford, Pa. The franchise requires that the road be completed by Dec. 31, 1900.

Holiday Schedule on the Erie.

The Erie announces that on Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, they will run trains on holiday schedule as follows: East, the Orange county at 7:10, No. 38 at 10:48 a. m., and No. 22 at 7:26 p. m., and No. 9 west at 11:25 a. m. will run in addition to the regular Sunday schedule effective on that date. No train will, however, go east at 8:23 a. m., nor will there be any Newburgh connection with the Orange county in the morning. 74d4t

Middletown Represented at the Dog Show.

The dog show which opens in New York, to-day, will be of unusual interest to Middletowners for the reason that George N. Clemson, Thomas Watts and George A. Wallace of this city, are among the exhibitors. The former shows a dozen dogs and Mr. Watts four and Mr. Wallace four. These exhibits should draw prizes to Orange county.

Italians at a Christening.

A large number of friends of Stefano De Mase, professor of boat illumination, at Barrett's barber shop was happy, Sunday, when his child was christened at St. Joseph's. There was a large number of his friends present, and after the ceremony a banquet was served at "Steve's" house.

Annual Meeting.

The Ladies' Mission Circle connected with Christ Universalist Church will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of other business, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. J. Newton Emery, corner East Main and Orchard streets.

Middletown Club vs. the 24th C. A.

The members of the Middletown Club have challenged the 24th A. A. base ball team to a game at the armory at an early date. Harry M. Hayes, Chas. B. Buckley, H. K. Wilcox, P. M. Madden, T. D. Hayes and Fred S. Rogers will be on the club team.

Trout Fry for Local Waters.

John Wilkin has been notified that the Fish Commission will send him 2,000 trout fingerlings this spring in addition to the assignment of fry in this vicinity.

O. and W. Conductors' Contest.

W. Ferris leads in the O. and W. conductors' contest with 225 votes. C. J. Engan is next with 210 and M. C. Hoke third with 142.

Goes to St. Augustine.

Mrs. D. C. McMonagle left to-day, for St. Augustine, Fla. She was accompanied to New York by Mr. McMonagle.

You can never plant your trees, plants, vines, etc., too early. You can plant them too late. For best results remember this good advice. As you will see our nursery is not far from you. Our stock is first class, prices are reasonable. We allow a special discount for early orders. Consider these facts, catalogues mailed free. Address T. J. Dwyer & Son Nurseries, box 4, Cornwall, N. Y.

Bad Blood Is a Good Thing

to be rid of, because bad blood is the breeding place of disfiguring and dangerous diseases. Is your blood bad? It is if you are plagued by pimples or bothered by boils, if your skin is blotched by eruptions or your body eaten by sores and ulcers. You can have good blood, which is pure blood, if you want it. You can be rid of pimples, boils, blotches, sores and ulcers. How? By the use of

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

It is the radical remedy for all diseases originating in the blood. Read the evidence:

"Ayer's Sarsaparilla was recommended to me by my physician as a blood purifier. When I began taking it I had boils all over my body. One bottle cured me."—BONNER CRAFT, Wesson, Miss.

"After six years' suffering from blood poison, I began taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and although I have used only three bottles of this great medicine, the sores have nearly all disappeared."—A. A. MANING, Houston, Texas.

THE LENTEN SEASON.

Order of services to be held at Grace Church.

Rector Evans, of Grace Church, has announced the following order of services in Grace Church during Lent:

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 23.—At 7:30 a. m., holy communion; at 8:30 a. m., morning prayer (especially for school children); at 10 a. m., litany and address; 7:30 p. m., evening prayer and address.

Week day services till Easter day, April 10th:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday—Morning prayer at 8:30 a. m.; evening prayer and address at 4:30 p. m.

Wednesday—Litany and penitential service, 8:30 a. m.; evening prayer and sermon by visiting clergymen, 7:30 p. m.

Holy Communion—St. Matthias' Day, Feb. 24, at 9:30 a. m.; Annunciation of the Virgin, Friday, March 25th, at 9:30 a. m.; every Sunday, at 7:30 a. m.; first Sunday in March (6th) at 11 a. m.; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in holy week, at 9:30 a. m.; Maundy Thursday, at 7:30 p. m.

Good Friday, April 8th—Morning prayer, 8:30 a. m.; ante-communion and sermon, 10 a. m.; three hour service, from 12 to 3 p. m.; evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

Easter Eve, April 9th—Ante-communion, 10 a. m.; evening prayer and infant baptism at 4 p. m.

Easter Day, April 10th—Holy communion, 6 a. m.; morning prayer, sermon and holy communion at 11 a. m.; evening prayer with Easter carols at 4 p. m.

Miss Stewart's Kingston Spielkantenfest

Miss Lila A. Stewart's spielkantenfest in aid of the Kingston Hospital came to a most successful end, Saturday night. The total receipts were \$4,200 and the net profits about \$2,300. S. D. Coykendall will make the amount \$3,000, and thus secure the \$1,000 Dr. Burtzell offered to give toward paying the hospital's debt.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Every case of laryngitis, ulcerated throat or bronchitis, yields promptly to the healing influence of this great medicine. Price 25 cents.

THREE BARGAINS AT ECONOMY STORE.

A few days ago we told you about the Carpenter Hosiery Stock, at half price, none of which are left. To-day we tell you about three greater bargains, bought under most favorable conditions for price making.

NO. ONE.	NO. TWO.	NO. THREE.
A quantity of Men's Seamless 1/2 Hcse.	Kind—Misses.	Writing Paper.
Colors—Slate and ecru.	Style—Fine Ribbed.	Kind—Box.
Finish—Perfect.	Color—Fast Black.	Style—Ruled.
Quality—A 1.	Finish—Double Knee	Color—Cream White.
Value—20c.	Two thread.	Finish—Hard.
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6 pairs 69c.	Sizes—6 to 8 1/2.	Quantity—60 Sheets
	Value—18c.	60 Envelopes.
	Price—12 1/2c a pair.	Value—25c.
		Price—14c.
		2 for 25c.

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When You Are Tired

Without extra exertion, languid, dull and listless, your blood is failing to supply to your muscles and other organs the vitalizing and strength-giving properties they require. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures that tired feeling by enriching and purifying the blood. It will give you energy and vigor.

Hood's Pills are easy to take, easy to operate. Cure indigestion, biliousness. 25 cents.

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Distressing Kidney and Bladder disease relieved in six hours by "New GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." It is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in bladder, kidneys and back, in male or female. Relieves retention of water almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is the remedy. Sold by J. E. Mills, druggist Middletown, N. Y.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure. Makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. All druggists.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y.

Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21, '98.	
Yesterday	To-day
Cloze	Cloze
Sugar.....	129 127 1/2
Tobacco.....	91 1/4 91
Chicago Gas.....	92 1/2 92 1/2
Nat. Lead.....	34 1/2 34 1/2
General Electric.....	63 62 1/2
U. S. L. pref.....	22 1/2 22 1/2
Tenn. Coal and Iron.....	22 1/2 22 1/2
A. T. & S. F.....	12 1/2 12
C. B. & Q.....	90 1/2 90 1/2
C. M. & St. P.....	94 1/2 94 1/2
B. I.....	90 1/2 90 1/2
D. L. & W.....	94 1/2 94 1/2
C. of N. J.....	14 1/2 14 1/2
Erie.....	11 1/2 11 1/2
D. and H.....	16 1/2 16
O. & W.....	16 1/2 16
Susquehanna & West, pref.....	34 1/2 34 1/2
P. & R.....	20 1/2 20
N. W.....	125 1/2 125 1/2
L. S.....	115 1/2 114 1/2
N. Y. C.....	31 25 1/2
M. P.....	12 1/2 12
Texas.....	82 30 1/2
U. F.....	91 90 1/2
W. Union.....	56 1/2 56 1/2
L. & N.....	114 110 1/2
Manhattan.....	30 29 1/2
P. M.....	18 1/2 18 1/2
Wabash, pref.....	65 1/2 62
No. Pacific, pref.....	155 151
Metropolitan Traction.....	42 1/2 41
Brooklyn Rapid Transit.....	30 29 1/2
Southern, pref.....	105 104 1/2
May Wheat.....	31 1/2 30 1/2
May Corn.....	27 1/2 26 1/2
May Oats.....	\$11 1/2 \$11 00
May Pork.....	5 20 5 25
May Lard.....	5 20 5 25

6 Cts. a Pound

Oyster, Soda, Milk Crackers

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ARBUCKLE'S ANTOSA COFFEE.

Ground for you while you wait.

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WANTED Immediately—A middle-aged person to attend to the wash of a lady with a broken limb, and to attend to other household duties. Address Box 21, New Hampton, N. Y. 1t

FOR RENT—Double house, No. 14 Beattie avenue, arranged for two families, city water. Rent \$10.00. Low rent, desirable location. 11d4t F. C. EVERSON, 160 East Main street.

LOWER Part of house, 69 East avenue; lower part of house, with barn, 30 Canal street; lower part of house, with barn, 205 East Main street, for rent. Enquire of F. CUMMINGS, 100 North street, or corner East Ave. and Fulton St. 77d4t

FOR RENT—Flat of six rooms, modern improvements, steam heat, central. Apply to J. H. McELROY, 167 East Main street. dFeb19,22,24,25

UNTIL the end of March, '98, I shall do shoe repairing at the following prices: Men's soles from 40c up, ladies' 25c up, children's 20c up. I make a specialty of rubber soles. CHAIG, the Shoemaker, 39 W. Main street.

FOR Rent from April 1st—House and barn, 16 Broad street, house containing nine rooms, modern improvements, in first class order. FRANK CRAWFORD, 15 West Main street. d17,18,21

FREEHOLD Cooking Range, size 8. Dorchash grate with copper tank; Onoko cooking range, size 7, both in first-class condition; oak extension table 8 feet, all cheap at the EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 46 East Main street.

WANTED—By women, each with an infant or young child, situations in the country (general housework, plain cooking, etc.) Small wages expected. Apply State Charities Aid Association, 103 East Twenty-second street, New York City. 74d4moMc17d5w3mMay17d4h

TABLE D'HOTE DINNER at ROWLEY'S CAFE, 12 West Main street, Washington's Birthday, Tuesday, Feb. 22, '98, from 12:30 to 2:30 p. m. 75 cents.

CELESTINE. Oysters on shell, Radishes, Celery, Cresson, Vermicelli, Boiled Salmon, Sauce Hollandaise, Roast Turkey, Pommes Parisiennes, Cranberry Sauce, Creamed Potatoes, Boiled Onions, Lettuce Salad, Rouselle and Old English Cheese, Caramel Custard Ice Cream, 75c. W. M. VAN SCHAIK, Auctioneer.

AUCTION.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

At the residence of Rev. Dr. Gordon, No. 33 Highland avenue, WEDNESDAY, Feb. 23d, commencing 1 o'clock sharp. 76d3t

THE Members of Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, F. and A. M., are requested to meet at the lodge rooms, to-morrow (Tuesday), at 1:15 o'clock p. m., to take action upon the death and obsequies of our deceased brother, Correll J. Sloat. Funeral services will be held in Grace Epist. Church at 2 o'clock p. m. 1td IRA L. CASE W. M.

GEN. LYNN Post, No. 236, G. A. R.—Special Encampment No. 1. Attention, Comrades! The members of this post are requested to assemble at headquarters on Wednesday, Feb. 23d, at 1:30 p. m., to pay the last and tribute of respect to the memory of our departed comrade, C. E. Felzer, Co. L, 168th N. Y. V. Co. Comrades will report in uniform, white gloves and memorial badges. By order of A. R. WHEELER, Commander. C. M. WINCHESTER, Adjutant. 77d3t

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New Neckwear! All the New Colors! All the New Shapes! All at New Prices!

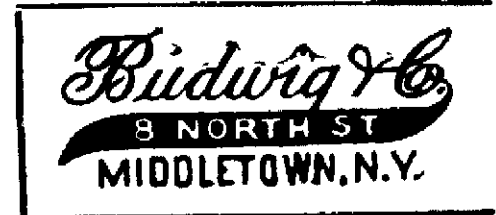
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New styles and new colors. We guarantee all our hats, and if one does not prove satisfactory to the buyer, return it to us and we will give you a new hat for it without having any further talk about it. Every hat sold by us is from 25 to 50c less in price for same quality than any other dealer charges.

Special in Men's Socks!

Mixed 1/2 Hose, regular 10c quality, special 5c a pair. Men's Socks, plain colors, special 3c a pair. A 50c Unlaundersed Shirt at 38c. Linen bosom, linen neck band, reinforced front and back, endless facings, full body, any length sleeves, special 38c each.

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We Carry a First-class Line of Oiled Horse Covers and Rubber Carriage Robes.

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LIBERAL CREDIT AT The Steam Carpet Cleaning and Feather Renovating Works, CORNER FULTON ST. AND SPRAGUE AVE E. H. GREGORY. Telephone Call No. 125.

THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargain in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monaghan avenue. 75d4yOct3,98

FOR SALE—The collection store, 39 West Main street. MRS. PURPS. 76d2t

STOCK TAKING HAS SHOWN

Us that we have too many goods in many lines. Greatly reduced prices is the only way to thin them out, so we have cut deep into prices to turn the stock into money. No woman who wants to save money can afford to miss this sale of seasonable goods. We never advertise goods we do not have. Always sell reliable goods at the lowest prices any can name. Below we give a few of the many low prices we are giving at this clearing sale.

25 Children's Grey Mackintoshes, with full capes. Every one warranted. Every school girl should have one. Sizes 44 to 50. The regular price \$1.98. At this sale \$1.29.

16 Misses' Navy Blue Diagonal Cloth Mackintoshes, full sweep capes. The regular price was \$2.50. At this sale \$1.79.

11 Ladies' Navy and Black Diagonal Cloth Mackintoshes, full sweep capes. Former price \$3.50. As long as they last \$1.98.

16 Ladies' Navy Blue Twilled Cloth Mackintoshes, double texture, velvet collar, double capes. Every one warranted. Sold all over the world for \$5. At this sale \$3.98.

10 Ladies' Navy and Black Mackintoshes, full sweep capes. The former price was \$4. To close them out we have made the price \$2.98.

720 pairs Ladies' Black Seamless 15c Hose, "sold as seconds," high spliced heel. As long as they last 10c a pair. None sold to dealers.

27 Ladies' Odd Wrappers. Some are dark, others are very light, a few flannelette and satteens in the lot. All to go at 49c.

Ladies' Corset Covers from our special sale, at 15, 19, 25c. No such values in any other store.

440 yards 10c Outing Cloth, all dainty colorings. Couldn't be bought in any wholesale house for less than 8c per yard. For this sale 6c a yd.

73 pairs Ladies' Lisle Thread Hose, in all colors and dainty stripes, plain and drop stitch. The former price was 50 and 75c. To close them out we have marked them all 25c.

Ladies' Cotton Eider Down Wrappers, extra well made, all cut extra wide. Sold from \$1.98 to \$2.48. To close them out all to go at \$1.50. None exchanged.

Ladies' Flannelette Wrappers, made with box pleated back, tight fitting. Come in either navy blue, stripes or black and white polka dots. Sold all season at 98c. As long as they last 79c.

731 yards of Black Figured Sateen, in black and white and dainty colorings, all in dress lengths of 9, 10, 11 or 12 yards. The former price was 15c. To close it out all to go at 10c a yard.

600 pairs Men's Grey Mixed Seamless 10c Socks. Every man who wears such socks ought to buy a dozen—70c per dozen or 4 pairs for 25c. None sold to dealers.

Ladies' Muslin Drawers, from our special sale, at 15, 25, 39, 49c. No wonder ladies bought so many last month.

Ladies' Muslin Gowns, from our special sale, at 39, 49, 59, 79, 89, 98c., \$1.19, \$1.48. Couldn't be better made and cheaper than you can buy the material for.

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